TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2602 – SB 3177

January 25, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes the requirement of filing a written report of an accident by the owner or operator of a vehicle involved in a crash where a person is injured or killed, or property damage is over \$400. Deletes authorization of the Department of Safety (DOS) to suspend a driver's license for failure to submit a report. Deletes \$25 reinstatement fee for such suspended licenses.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue – \$134,100

Decrease State Expenditures – \$55,000

Assumptions:

- A \$25 fee is charged for reinstatement of a suspended driver license.
- According to DOS, in FY10-11 there were 5,178 suspensions for failure to file a report.
- A decrease in recurring state revenue of \$129,450 (5,178 suspensions x \$25 fee).
- DOS would no longer be able to produce affidavits as required under Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-7-1201(g). In FY-10-11 there were 930 requests which were charged a \$5 fee.
- A decrease in recurring state revenue of \$4,650 (930 requests x \$5 fee).
- A total decrease in recurring state revenue of \$134,100 (\$129,450 + \$4,650).
- According to DOS, there were 218,781 reports filed in FY10-11. A decrease in recurring state expenditures of \$55,000 for costs related to filing reports; includes \$2,000 for supplies, film and chemicals and \$53,000 for keying documents.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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